

Thursday

--- On Tue, 1/2/11, Imogen Hamblin <i.hamblin@dgllaw.co.uk> wrote:

From: Imogen Hamblin <i.hamblin@dgllaw.co.uk>
Subject: RE: Dale Farm (Final)
To: "Dale Farm" <dale.farm@btinternet.com>, shigeokobayashi80@msn.com,
scraiggreene@yahoo.com, malcolmtully@blueyonder.co.uk
Cc: "Leticia Osorio" <losori@essex.ac.uk>

Date: Tuesday, 1 February, 2011, 12:09

Dear all,

I have spoken to Susan this afternoon and said that I would attach this database which I created when auditing the files. This is just for your interest if you want to look, but still not perfect as it took a lot of time.

Here is the strategy:

When they issue the eviction notice we will then re-collect all the data together (no point in doing this first just in case they dont issue soon and the LSC change the forms rendering the work futile)

For the time being we should be:

Collecting a list of the most vulnerable people on the site so that we can put the strongest cases at the forefront

Making sure that all the files are complete for the homelessness apps (missing information)

Advising those who have not made homelessness apps to do so!

Those who have received letters from the Council stating that the Council do not owe them a duty - taking instructions to make review submissions (even if out of time we should try everything - let me know who wants this)

In response to Susan's question about whether those who are not our clients and have been refused, or those who have had reviews which have been refused - these people will have the weakest arguments as we cannot say that it is disproportionate, there are alternative sites, AND the Council owe them a duty. So we will only be able to make the first two out of three submissions.

In response to Grattan, it is important to realise that even Boswell who had a homelessness application underway was evicted

because the Council stated that she could continue with her homelessness application from the roadside. Therefore, we cannot guarantee that anyone will not be evicted but we are trying to put our best foot forward!

Imogen

From: Dale Farm [mailto:dale.farm@btinternet.com]
Sent: Tue 01/02/2011 10:50
To: shigeokobayashi80@msn.com; scraiggreene@yahoo.com; malcolmtully@blueyonder.co.uk;
 Imogen Hamblin
Cc: Leticia Osorio
Subject: Re: Dale Farm (Final)

Dear Imogen
 (copied to Ann, Susan and Malcolm,
 and to Leticia)

It is very encouraging to all of us to know that you will be making a legal challenge to the 28-day Notice. I had understood because this had failed at Hovefields we would not get another chance at that.

So, yes, we must pull out all the stops to get the great amount of paperwork done as quickly as possible.

As stated in my last email (this morning) we can be pretty certain that the 28-day letter will NOT be delivered until after the 1st March followup meeting to the 27 Jan meeting with Baron and Ball.

I did make a special point to them at the end of that meeting saying we expected the BDC **not** to issue the Notice pending the 1st March meeting in order to allow negotiations on alternate sites to progress. Tony Ball said he'd take this request on board.

The fact that he has since agreed to the seminar on alternate sites to take place in Basildon (shortly) is a favourable indication.

We have several activity days at DF lined up, with that on 19 February looking the most promising (people committed already).

Obviously all of us will from today be giving priority to working on the list you have provided, using the new forms.

Leticia is hoping to come with me to DF on Thursday (3 Feb). I hope when she reads this she will be able to fix a day for members of her University team to work on the list on a date before

University team to work on the list on a date before 19 Feb (as well as on 19 Feb).

We can then aim to complete all the work that's left on the 19 Feb, with help from those already down to come on that day.

So maybe you should include 19 Feb in the days you plan to spend at DF (coming a couple of days before?)

I have a hospital op on 8 Feb but its fairly minor.

Grattan

--- On Mon, 31/1/11, Imogen Hamblin <i.hamblin@dgllaw.co.uk> wrote:

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Subject: Dale Farm (Final)
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Date: Monday, 31 January, 2011, 16:13

Dear Grattan, Malcolm and Ann,

Thank you very much for all your help last weekend. It has been most helpful.

I have been talking to Keith Lomax today and we have been discussing the upcoming evictions. We need to have all of our files spick and span; otherwise the Legal Services will not recognise some of the Dale Farm residents as our clients. I have therefore been through EVERY FILE (apart from Colleen's two files), and this is the definitive and exhaustive list. We need the following legal help forms completing:

No Legal Help (Old Form needed) – **please leave undated**

Joanna Sheridan 22/11/1980 (6A Swallow Drive)
John Flynn 13/10/1933 (31 Dale Farm, Oak Lane)
Margaret Sheridan 1988 (I am sorry but we have no other information)
Mary McCarthy 15/05/1964 (20 Oak Drive)
Martina McCarthy 29/12/1967 (7 Shannons Place)
Mary Flynn 25/05/1940 (31 Beauty Drive)
Mary Gammell (I am sorry but we have no other information)
Nora Sheridan 1959 (I am sorry but we have no other information)

Further, we haven't been able to obtain evidence of the following people's income.

No National Insurance Number

Daniel Sheridan 02/04/1987 (13 Camilla Drive)
Joanna Sheridan 22/11/1980 (6A Swallow Drive)
Julie Ann Sheridan 01/04/1962 (6A Swallow Court)
Margaret Sheridan 1988 (I am sorry but we have no other information)
Mary McCarthy 15/08/1993 (27 Oak Lane)
Mary Gammell (I am sorry but we have no other information)
Nora Sheridan 1959 (I am sorry but we have no other information)
Nora Sheridan 02/06/1925 (1 Oak Lane)
Patrick Sheridan 16/07/1982 (7 Dale Farm)

If they are reliant on benefits, we have been unable to obtain any evidence of this as they do not have a National Insurance Number. I have attached a form to be completed to request their NHI No. and then send them on to the following address:

National Insurance Contributions Office
Evening Work Centre BP3001
Benton Park View

Benton Park View
Newcastle Upon Tyne
NE09 1ZZ

If you would prefer, you can forward the completed forms to me and I will then forward them on?

We do not have the following authorities:

No Authority – **Please leave undated**

Kathleen McCarthy 02/07/1963 (3 Camilla Drive)

Lorraine Quilligan 07/05/1964 (12 Camilla Drive)

Mary Ann Sheridan 21/03/1981 (16 Southview)

Nora Gammell 21/02/1966 (9 Swallow Court)

Bridget Gammell (29 Beauty Drive – D.O.B. 10/03/1969)

Thank you Malcolm for sending me the information for Bridget Gammell at 29 Dale Farm.

The forms which you completed were for D.O.B 03/05/1968. The names, addresses and dates of birth are very similar, so I called Bridget and she stated that she did not know of anyone at that address with DOB 10/03/1969. However, we have a signed authority for this Bridget. Her children are Mark, Ann and Jim Sheridan, but we do not have any other forms complete for her. Does this lady exist?

Cornelius Sheridan (29 Beauty Drive – D.O.B 15/04/1954)

Cornelius has been unwell for quite some time. What is his position now? Were the Council accommodating and assist with interviewing him from home?

IMPORTANT AND URGENT

Further, Keith is sure that they are going to issue the notice of eviction soon and this means that we will have only 28 days from the date of that letter to get everyone signed up to legal aid to start a public law challenge. This will mean that we will have to collect new forms (dated within the 28 days of issue) for **everyone** on site (otherwise their names cannot be on the injunction). It would make sense if I came down to do this myself, but I would really appreciate any assistance as you all have good relationships with those on Dale Farm and would be able to show me the ropes. Therefore, when would be the best and most convenient time for me to come down?

We will need to have a fresh legal help, app 1, means form and authority for every pre-existing client. This is an administrative nightmare, but they are the rules, so we must play by them. In terms of the forms, if we could just get completed means forms and only a signatures for the other two forms, I will be able to complete them on all the information which you have already provided to me (thank you).

I know that this is an enormous amount of work and that is why it is so important that we start as soon as possible. I have attached the **NEW FORMS** which will need to be signed but NOT DATED so that when Basildon issue, we will be there ready to respond!

Tom Lomax wrote a letter to Basildon Council last week in advance of their meeting, asking them to make an undertaking that those clients who are going through the homelessness process at the moment will not be subject to the eviction proceedings.

Please let me know when you think it would be best for me to come down for a few days in order to try and get this organised.

Many, many thanks,
Imogen Hamblin